

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6, 9-11, 13, 15, 18, and 21-23, 25, and 27-33, as amended, are pending in this application. Claims 24 and 26 have been canceled.

As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments at this time.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 1, 3, 6, 9-11, 13, 15, 18, 21-23, 25, and 27-33.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 24 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 24 and 26 under § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite as explained on page 3 of the Office Action. In light of the cancellation of claims 24 and 26 in this response, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under § 112, first and second paragraphs, are moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112 rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the present amendments still do not resolve all of the issues regarding patentability of the pending claims, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any remaining issues.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Hanify & King, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-4545, Order No. 5233-052.

Respectfully submitted,

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